

THE MISSING DESPATCHES.

Enquiries Instituted to Learn Where the Documents May Be.

A Theory That They May Have Been Taken by a General Greely-Schley's Counsel Anxiously Waiting for the Recovery of the Papers.

No trace was discovered yesterday of the missing despatches of the Signal Corps and the officials of the War Department are not a little concerned regarding the matter. They are hoping that General Greely will be able to throw some light upon the subject. Colonel Sanger made certain enquiries yesterday, and after his investigation said that he was not prepared to make any statement in regard to the missing despatches, particularly the one from Colonel Allen advising General Greely of the presence of General's fleet in Santiago Harbor. Colonel Sanger called Major Scriven, the Acting Chief of the Signal Corps, into consultation with him yesterday morning, and the two men talked over the matter. Major Scriven was unable to give any information in regard to the missing despatches. Major Scriven is acting as chief of the corps in the absence of Colonel Dunwoody, who is away upon a few days' leave of absence.

The information that the missing despatches had been taken from Santiago was received by Colonel Allen while he was at Key West. It came to him from one of the secret agents of the United States in Havana, who had been sent to the Governor General of Cuba from Santiago. As is well known, the cable connections between Key West and Havana were never severed, although the cables were supposed to have been used during the war. It is said, however, that the secret agent, who was sent to Havana, was not in the city when the despatches were taken. The intelligence which he had learned from the telegraph office at Santiago, announcing the arrival of the Spanish fleet, Colonel Allen at once communicated this fact to General Greely, who, in turn, advised the Navy Department. The news was returned to Admiral Sampson, but notwithstanding the positive assurance, he delayed eleven days before starting for Santiago to establish a blockade.

Captain Nesbitt, who was chief assistant to General Greely during the Spanish-American war, and who is now in the city, has some knowledge of the despatches, as is present in Cuba. Meanwhile counsel for Admiral Schley are anxious to obtain the documents for their information and guidance in preparing their case. The documents, however, would be practically valueless to them as evidence. While what purports to be a copy of the telegram in question is contained in General Greely's annual report for 1898, the Secretary of War is well known that the important despatches are not published verbatim, for the reason that they come in code, and if translated word for word would afford a partial key to the cipher should the despatches be original, and the original compared with it by anyone not entitled to know the secret code.

The practice of making certain changes in a published message is frequently resorted to in both the Army and the Navy Departments, and the reason for this is obvious. Again, there are often certain omissions in such telegrams, so that for purposes of evidence in court nothing but the original despatch as received is regarded of any value. The despatches, if they would be of no use as long as the original is in existence, and this original the counsel for Admiral Schley have not been able to secure.

It is remarked as probable that the department will not cooperate with General Greely, who is now in the Philippines, and ask him to throw some light upon the missing documents.

It is said that officials of the War Department have known for some time that the despatches were missing, but the fact of their disappearance was not made generally known until Captain Parker called at the Signal Office last Wednesday and asked to see the original messages. Then he was informed that they could not be found in the archives of the department.

A new explanation of their possible whereabouts was offered yesterday. It is said that General Greely may have considered that the original despatches were of no further value and have taken them to add to his private collection for the purpose of publishing them in a book, which he intends to publish at some future time. No one is willing to say that this has been done, but it is given as a suggestion as to where the despatches may be. Late yesterday afternoon it was stated that the Navy Department had the letter from Admiral Schley, and that the letter, according to the Acting Secretary, Mr. Hackett, concerning the Howland matter had not been received.

The status of the Schley case, in preparation for presentation to the Court of Enquiry, will remain about the same for most of a week. Until next Monday it is unlikely that any additional steps will be taken in the matter, so far as the Schley case is concerned. His counsel feel that they have about completed the preliminary steps before the Navy Department.

Judge Wilson and Mr. Rayner, counsel for Admiral Schley, have returned to Baltimore, while Judge Wilson has gone North, and will not return until the next week. It was stated yesterday that Judge Wilson once more contemplated visiting Boston for a conference with Francis Fox, who wrote the interview in the "Boston Record" in which Admiral Howland is reported as making no statement. Fox, who is now in Boston, is reported to be in favor of Admiral Schley, and it is said that he had gone to Boston in order to see Mr. Fox and to make arrangements to have the newspaper writer give testimony before the Court of Enquiry. Whether Boston is the destination of Judge Wilson or not could not be verified.

CAPTAIN LEMLY'S RETURN.

The Judge Advocate in the Schley Enquiry at Work.

Captain Lemly, the Judge Advocate General of the Navy, and also Judge Advocate of the Schley Court of Enquiry, has returned from his vacation spent in Canada, and was at the department late yesterday afternoon. He will at once get to work on the Schley case, and one of his duties will be to furnish counsel for Admiral Schley with the much desired list of witnesses who are to be called to do duty in the case. Captain Lemly did not intend to return to Washington until next week, but the pressure of work necessary to prepare for the Court of Enquiry caused him to cut his vacation short for a few days.

Satchel and Money Gone. Mrs. M. E. Bond, whose home is at New Jersey Avenue and Street, has reported to the police that she lost \$25 yesterday afternoon. A satchel containing the money was taken from a room at her home, and no one was seen near the room. Mrs. Bond described the robbery after dinner and notified the police.

Rheumatism

What is the use of telling the rheumatic that he feels as if his joints were being dislocated? He knows that his sufferings are very much like the tortures of the rack. What he wants to know is what will permanently cure his disease.

That, according to thousands of grateful testimonials, is

Hood's Sarsaparilla

It promptly neutralizes the acid in the blood on which the disease depends, completely eliminates it, and strengthens the system against its return. Try Hood's.

SUICIDE OF ISRAEL SWAYZE.

His Careful Preparations for Death in His Sister's Home.

As the result of mental depression, caused by the lack of employment and aggravated by a severe case of rheumatism, from which he feared that he would never obtain relief, Israel Swayze, a former street car conductor, and latterly a department clerk, committed suicide yesterday morning by inhaling illuminating gas at the home of his sister, Mrs. Sarah B. Foss, 45 Massachusetts Avenue northwest.

His life, it is believed, would probably have been saved had assistance been rendered when the odor of the illuminant was first detected. For some inexplicable reason aid was not called from among those who could be quickly reached, but time was lost in sending down into the business section of the city for a doctor. W. L. Swayze, who is employed as a bookkeeper in one of the downtown stores. During the delay this caused it is believed that the old man died, for breathing had just ceased when the door was finally broken open and he was found upon the bed with the end of a rubber tubing attached to the gas jet still in his mouth.

Israel Swayze was fifty-six years old, and was a native of New Jersey, which State he left at the outbreak of the War of 1861 to join the 69th New York Infantry. He served throughout the war as a private, and at its close was mustered out and came to Washington, where he secured employment as a conductor on the Metropolitan Railroad. He was a member of the 69th New York Infantry, and through the influence of that body he received a commission as a clerk in the Pension Division of the War Department. Several years ago he became a member of the Government Printing Office, from which he was discharged on removal of his name from the rolls of the office.

When W. L. Swayze arrived he broke in the door and found his brother lying across the bed. He found that the rubber tubing had been taken from a gas stove in the room and while one end was fastened to the gas jet, the other was securely fastened into the suicide's mouth with a necktie. A towel had also been placed over the face to prevent the physician from seeing the body.

When Dr. Glazebrook was called to the house he found the body of the deceased in the room, and he was unable to give a certificate of death by suicide.

Field Post G. A. R. will probably take charge of the funeral arrangements, which have not yet been completed.

NEVER A LEGAL BANK.

Assurances Made by a Cleveland Institution's Receiver.

CLEVELAND, Aug. 23.—In response to a petition of the Superior Realty and Improvement Company, Judge Dellenbaugh today appointed Walter D. Sayle receiver of the Superior Street Savings and Banking Company. The plaintiff company secured an order to exclude the receiver from the premises, and the receiver was ordered to remove the same. The receiver was ordered to remove the same. The receiver was ordered to remove the same.

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PETTY SAWED FROM A MOB.

Great Excitement in Alexandria Over the Alleged Assault.

Threats of Lynching Openly Made by Indignant Citizens—Mayor Simpson Spirits the Prisoner Away—Mrs. Payne in a Serious Condition.

ALEXANDRIA, Va., Aug. 23.—The tragedy of Mayor George W. Simpson in Alexandria, Va., who was confined in the stationhouse awaiting trial on the charge of attempting a criminal assault upon Mrs. Roberta Payne last night, to be removed from the city this afternoon, prevented what would have been a culminated in the lynching of the prisoner. Public sentiment had been growing against the prisoner all day, and Mayor Simpson, after conferring with several prominent citizens on the outcome of letting the prisoner remain in the stationhouse overnight, decided that it would be a big risk. Afterward he went out of the city and made satisfactory arrangements to have the prisoner kept elsewhere until the excitement subsided.

At 2 o'clock this afternoon Petty was taken from his cell and escorted by Policemen Young and Beach up Cameron Street to Pitt Street. At this point, in front of Myer's livery stable, they were met by a large double-decked daston wagon, which was driven by a man who covered. Petty was quickly pushed into the rear seat of the carriage with Policemen Beach. Ex-Sergeant Smith drove the carriage, and the party started for their destination. A small crowd of people followed the carriage for some distance.

A large crowd of people tonight sauntered up and down King Street, and the sole topic of conversation was the alleged assault on Mrs. Payne. Many could not be led to believe that the prisoner had been taken out of the city, and the streets presented an animated appearance at a late hour tonight. A usually large number of young men helped to swell the crowd. The most conservative citizens heartily endorse Mayor Simpson's action in having the prisoner removed from the city. At a late hour the crowd gradually dispersed, and it was learned that the prisoner was not in the city.

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OPENING THE CAMPAIGN.

The Virginia Fight Likely to Be Begun in Richmond.

RICHMOND, Va., Aug. 23.—The Republican gubernatorial campaign will probably be opened in Richmond today. Local leaders will invite Col. J. Hampton Hoge, the Republican nominee, to make his first speech at the Academy of Music in this city, at a date to be set by Col. Hoge himself.

Republicans who are behind this project say they will send a pressing invitation to Attorney General Montague to meet Col. Hoge in joint debate, and that the invitation will be formally endorsed by the Republican nominee.

Nearly all the Republicans who attended the Roanoke convention have returned, and officials were in their offices this morning.

Capt. Asa Rogers, collector of internal revenue, says the convention at Roanoke was the finest he ever saw. Many young men were present, and he takes this as a happy augury for the future of the State.

Everyone about the custom house comments on this fact. Men who went to Roanoke, they say, paid their own expenses, and they were not paid by the public conventions have been made up of men who had to be paid to attend.

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